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SUBJ: RHODESIA: SITHOLE DETAINED, ANC ENDS TALKS
WITH GOVERNMENT

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1. IT HAS BEEN REPORTED HERE THAT DR. EDSON SITHOLE, ANC
PUBLICITY SECRETARY, WAS DETAINED BY RHODESIAN POLICE IN
SALISBURY JUNE 20. IN RHODESIAN HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY, MINJUSTICE,
LAW AND ORDER DESMOND LARDNER-BURKE SAID DR. SITHOLE HAD
BROKEN CONDITIONS OF "PERMIT" UNDER WHICH HE HAD BEEN RELEASED
FROM DETENTION IN 1970. NO FURTHER DETAILS WERE GIVEN.

2. REACTING TO SITHOLE'S DETENTION, ANC PRESIDENT, BISHOP
ABEL MUZOREWA, SAID HE HAD NO CHOICE BUT TO SUSPEND SETTLE-
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MENT TALKS BETWEEN ANC AND RHODESIAN GOVERNMENT. MUZOREWA

POINTED OUT THAT RECENTLY HE HAD SAID IF ANY ADDITIONAL ANC OFFICIALS WERE DETAINED HE WOULD CALL OFF TALKS WITH RHODESIAN GOVERNMENT. HE ALSO GAVE NOTIFICATION THAT ANC WILL BOYCOTT CONFERENCE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF DIFFERENT SECTORS OF AFRICAN OPINION WHICH HAD BEEN PROPOSED BY PRIME MINISTER IAN SMITH (REFTEL). MUZOREWA SAID ANC REJECTED SMITH'S CONCEPT OF A CONFERENCE OF AFRICAN OPINION BECAUSE MOST RESPONSIBLE AFRICAN GROUPS WERE ALREADY REPRESENTED BY ANC.

3. BISHOP MUZOREWA GAVE AN INDICATION OF WHAT ANC'S POSITION WAS LIKELY TO BE NOW THAT TALKS WERE SUSPENDED AND ANC HAD REJECTED IDEA OF A CONFERENCE. IN STATEMENT TO PRESS HE SAID: "WE ARE CONVINCED THAT THE ONLY WAY OUT OF THE IMPOSSIBLE SITUATION TO WHICH MR. SMITH REFERRED IS FOR A FULLY REPRESENTATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL CONFERENCE IN WHICH THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT AND THE DETAINED AFRICAN LEADERS WILL ALSO PARTICIPATE.

4. COMMENT: IT COULD WELL BE THAT SMITH BLAMED SITHOLE AS MUCH AS ANYONE IN ANC FOR ITS REFUSAL TO ACCEPT TERMS OF AGREEMENT REACHED BETWEEN MUZOREWA AND SMITH. HOWEVER, THIS IN NO WAY COULD FORM RATIONAL BASIS FOR DETENTION OF SITHOLE. BY ITS ACTIONS, RHODESIAN GOVERNMENT HAS INSURED THAT ANC WILL NO LONGER, AT LEAST FOR FORESEEABLE FUTURE, PARTICIPATE WITH RHODESIAN GOVERNMENT IN AN ENDEAVOR TO REACH SETTLEMENT. SMITH MAY WIN POINTS WITH RHODESIAN WHITE VOTERS, BUT ONCE AGAIN HEAVY HANDED TREATMENT OF AFRICAN MODERATES DRASTICALLY REDUCE POSSIBILITY OF PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF RHODESIAN PROBLEM.
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